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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVES ON LENGTHY TOUR

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN LEFT BANGLADESH JANUARY 14 ON A JOURNEY WHICH WILL TAKE HIM FIRST TO LONDON FOR A BRIEF STOPOVER, THEN ON TO MOROCCO AND TRIPOLI FOR OFFICIAL VISITS, BACK TO THE UK FOR TEN DAYS TO LECTURE AT OXFORD, AND THEN FINALLY OF TO NORWAY (WITH POSSIBLE ADDED VISITS TO DENMARK AND FINLAND). HIS RETURN IS EXPECTED SOMETIME AFTER THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY.

2. COMMENT: KAMAL HOSSAIN'S EXTENDED TRAVELS HAVE AROUSED MUCH SPECULATION HERE. REPORTEDLY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OPPOSED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HAS CRITICIZED PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ONCE AGAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION (SEE DACCA 0299) IN LIGHT OF THIS, SOME ASSERT THAT HE WILL LINGER ON IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE DEPUTY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION TO THE BRITISH AS TO THE DURATION OF HIS STAY.

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3. KAMAL HOSSAID, HOWEVER, TOLD AMBASSADOR BOSTER ON

JANAURY 9 THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING WITH HIM ON
THE EVE OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RETURN TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR
CONSULTATION IN LATE FEBRUARY, AND HIS EASY MANNER GAVE
NO SUGGESTION THAT THIS COMMBNT WAS IN ANY WAY CONTRIVED.
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